

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1-15 are cancelled without prejudice and replaced with new claims 16-18.

The Examiner indicated that claims 13-15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

New claim 16 corresponds to claim 13 rewritten in independent form, to include the subject matter of claim 12.

New claim 17 corresponds to claim 14 rewritten in independent form, to include the subject matter of claim 12.

New claim 18 corresponds to claim 15 rewritten in independent form, to include the subject matter of claim 12.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the rejection of claim 12 has been overcome, and that the new claims 16-18 are in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, such allowance is solicited.

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